

Session 2 – Jesus the Leader

What comes to mind when you consider Jesus as a leader?

Click the picture to watch the video (if the link doesn't work go to <https://youtu.be/hNE3ZdMblDQ>)



Jesus was often away, spending time with God. He didn't always rush when people called him in an emergency. He was very forceful with his words. He called people snakes, foxes and even Satan. He was very blunt. He was often found at the local parties, where they were drinking wine. He offended people by the way that He lived and led.

Check our Jarrod Cooper's blog for an unusual take on Jesus' ministry <https://jarrodcooper.net/2012/08/03/jesus-what-was-he-really-like/>

Read John 10

7 Lesson to Learn from Jesus the Leader

1. Jesus saw his leadership as Shepherding

- In John 10 Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd who is committed to those He is leading.

2. Jesus' leadership was fuelled by prayer

- Jesus was recorded praying at 25 times in the gospels. Luke 5:16 says:
'But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.'
- A foundation of Christian leadership is not just talking to God, but listening to Him.

3. Jesus' leadership was defined by commitment to God the Father's Mission.

- Jesus was prepared to die for those He was leading. This is seen in the garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-50), in particular Mark 14:36:
"Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

4. Jesus was tempted by power and money but resisted.

- Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, Matthew 4:1-11
- Hebrews 4:15 *'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.'*
- Jesus saw God's mission was more important than short term pleasure.

5. Jesus led with honesty.

6. Jesus trusted those He was leading to step up into their calling.

- See Luke 9 – Jesus sending out the 12.

7. Jesus lived for something that would last longer than His time on earth and impact future generations.

- The number of Jesus' followers increased after He ascended to heaven.
- We need to lead, constantly looking to impact future generations.

Follow-up Questions:

1. What stands out to you in Jesus' leadership style?
2. What makes you uncomfortable with Jesus' leadership style?
3. What do you like about Jesus' leadership style?
4. What do you think stops leaders spending time alone with God?
5. Why do leaders give into temptation?
6. What aspect of Jesus' leadership do you need to implement into your life?